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REMARKS

This Amendment is in response to a Final Office Action dated April 19, 2005. In the Office Action, claims 1 and 3-20 were allowed. However, claims 21-22 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Steinhauser, et al. (U.S. Patent 5,786,838). In order to place the pending claims into condition for allowance, Applicants have cancelled claims 21 and 22 without prejudice. Claims 1 and 3-20 have not been amended.

Hence, in light of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully request that the outstanding §102(b) rejection be withdrawn.

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Conclusion


Applicants respectfully request that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Respectfully submitted,

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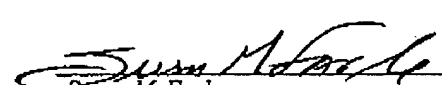
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